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- 1. The KVP committed one engineer and one signal battalion to fight high water and ice 25X1 motion in the area of the Lower Oder River near Schwedt and Garz. The engineers who were charged with demolitions displayed a poor state of training and had insufficient equipment which did not even include an electric ignition machine. They performed a blast with electric ignition in a very primitive way, using the storage battery of a car. The signal battalion constructed telephone lines and employed a number of radio sections. The telephone lines were ready for operation only after three days, and the employed radio sets had a very limited range. For instance, the radio section aboard an ice-breaker was not audible at the main station at Garz when the boat was north of Greifenhagen. No radio communication was possible during the last days of the action due to the lack of storage batteries.
- 2. Two KVP battalions including one engineer battalion from Brandenburg on the Havel River and one infantry battalion from Pinnow were employed on dike-protecting work. Each battalion consisted of three companies of about 100 men who were organized into three platoons, while some soldiers still wore blue uniforms, others already had olive drab uniforms.

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